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Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2004 11:14 AM
To: Bayerl, Raymond
Subject: RE: Medical technology case--10/090,165

Thank you very much!

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We'd possibly have something in the control panel readout subclass, 345/771, on this, and you might also look in the graphics technology area of graph displays, 345/440. Changing over screens might appear in workspace control, as in 345/778, though it may well also be placed in the out-dent for workspaces and objects, 345/764 (a very large subclass). Touch panels *per se*, as you might have found out, are in 345/173, over in the 2600 art relating to input peripherals.

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From: Astorino, Michael
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Mr. Bayerl,

I have been examining this case, got to claims 3-8 and got stuck. I am looking for some help.

The aspect of the invention I am stuck on is a "display changeover means". There is nothing in my art, that I believe can help me. As a primary I thought you might preferably know a case, if not know some subclasses I might search to find the limitation.

Essentially, the display change over means gives a user the option of view a summary of a plurality of patients and of the plurality of patients one specific patient in a split screen. In EDAN (figure 2).

I could really use the help.

Thanks

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From: Bayerl, Raymond
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2004 12:42 PM
To: Cabeca, John
Cc: Astorino, Michael
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John--I had another medical monitoring-related transfer inquiry today and said I wanted to get a better idea from you of what we're doing--

It's 10/090,165,

A method of displaying vital signs for use with a bedside monitor, comprising the steps of:
simultaneously displaying parameter values of a plurality of sets of vital signs measured for a plurality of patients respectively; and
displaying alarm information in a parameter display area or an alarm display area when vital signs relevant to the parameters are in a state where an alarm is to be generated.

It's currently in 600/300, but Exmr. Astorino, the transfer requester, believes that it does not have enough to do with actual diagnosis to be properly examined in AU 3736.

We've had a problem with cases like this (operator interfaces for medical systems applications) for many years now, since the old 364/413+ was abolished. I never understood just where that computing niche was going to wind up, since there appears to classes 128, 600, etc. to be a substantial difference. I highly doubt that we, in 345/700+, are intending to create actual subclasses for this area. Will it be a part of class 702, perhaps, or 700, areas where they have computing for particular commercial uses? I am not as familiar as I once was with the directions contemplated for future classification revision.

I so often point out that 345/700's definition advises particular uses to be classified elsewhere. The "elsewhere" in this case is hard to find agreement on, however.

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